

**The Citizen Advisory Committee
Durham, North Carolina**

**May 26, 2009
6:00 P.M. Regular Session**

Place: Conference Room, second floor, Durham Department of Community Development, 807 E. Main Street, Durham, NC

Present: Chairman Charles L. Recktenwald, Vice-Chairman Delvin Davis, Members Kyla Sweet-Chavez, **Corrina** Page, **Clarrisa** L. Grady.

Absent: Dr. Dorcas M. Bradley (Excused), DeWarren K. Langley (Excused), Beart Truitt-Braswell (Excused), Faith Thompson (Excused), SaDonna Wiggins, Donn Graves, Mr. Johnny D. Hawkins (Excused)

Presider: Chairman Recktenwald

Also Present: Director Michael Barros (DCD), Federal Programs Director Wilmur Conyers (DCD) and City Manager Tom Bonfield

- I. Chairman Recktenwald called the meeting to order.
- II. Chairman Recktenwald welcomed guest Mr. Bonfield and announced Mr. Chestnut would not be able to join the meeting, as he had missed his plane in L.A. He will reschedule with the CAC. Vice-Chairman Davis asked if Mr. Phillips would be rescheduling his appearance and Chairman Recktenwald affirmed this. Member Grady announced she had been laid off since the last meeting. Chairman Recktenwald reminded the Members that the CAC Annual Dinner meeting will be June 22 at the Golden Corral on Chapel Hill Blvd. and officers would be elected at this meeting.
- III. Recording Secretary Sweet-Chavez conducted a roll call of the membership.
- IV. Motion by Member Grady, seconded by Member Davis, the committee approved the following amendment to the Agenda: (a) add item c. to Roman Numeral IX that reads, "Durham City Council's Attendance Policy for Boards, Commissions, and Committees".
- V. Chairman Recktenwald introduced City Manager Tom Bonfield, with highlights from his resume. Mr. Bonfield said he would answer questions, rather than deliver prepared remarks.
 - Chairman Recktenwald asked "As city manager, what is your vision

for the neighborhood/communities in Durham and what would the role of the CAC be in helping to achieve your vision?” Mr. Bonfield replied that his vision isn’t the one that counts, it is the vision of the community. His role is to set the stage and carry out the vision articulated by City Council. He would challenge citizens to be involved and recognize each community has different needs and the solutions are not one size fits all.

- Member Grady asked if the City is keeping data on the impact of projects such as video camera surveillance in NECD. Mr. Bonfield replied that such qualitative data was not being kept but evidence suggested the cameras cost-benefit ratio was not positive.
- Member Page asked what major projects were planned for Durham in the next 10 years. Mr. Bonfield replied that water and sewer projects, such as stormwater management, disposal needed attention. Other projects may include a concentration on the NECD, the Fayetteville corridor and the further development of Triangle public transit.
- Chairman Recktenwald asked how large of a role did Boards/Commissions and Committees play in Pensacola, FLA. Mr. Bonfield replied that all cities had citizen involvement but that Durham’s participation was off the charts. Citizen participation is a key piece in city government.
- Member Davis asked what will be Durham’s priorities coming out of the recession. Mr. Bonfield replied that it will be difficult to say when Durham will return to “normal” and what the new normal will be. But Durham does have health sciences, education and entrepreneurship and Durham will have to create a sustainable place where people want to live.

Dr. Recktenwald noted the lower than usual attendance and thanked Mr. Bonfield for attending.

- VI. Presentation by Partner’s Against Crime by Harold Chestnut will be rescheduled.
- VII. Federal Programs Coordinator Ms. Conyers reported that she and Mr. Barros attended a NC Development Conference in Wilmington, NC that centered on the Recovery Package. Information on the Recovery Package is changing often with quickly approaching deadlines, so she would do her best to provide information in a timely manner but also referred the CAC to the websites for up-to-date information. There will be a public hearing June 15th, 7 pm in the Durham City Council Chambers regarding the NSP2 funds. Applications **will be** posted May 4th and **the** deadline **for submission** is July 17th.

- VIII. Chairman Recktenwald and Ms. Conyers clarified that the schedule for **developing and submitting the 2010-2011** Annual Action plan had not been set.
- IX. Motion by Member Grady, seconded by Member Page to add CAC's Revised By-Laws and Joint Agreement between CAC and DCD to New Member Orientation packet.
- X. Motion by Member Grady, seconded by Vice-Chair Davis to amend Item 8, Page 3 of the April 27, 2009 minutes from "Chavez-Sweet" to "Sweet-Chavez".
- XI. Mr. Barros commended the CAC for an excellent meeting with sophisticated questions and congratulated and thanked the Chair.
- XII. Motion by Member Grady, seconded by Member Page, the May 26th meeting of the CAC was adjourned.

Kyla Sweet-Chavez, Recording Secretary